

**School-Community Relations**

In an effort to ensure and enhance the possibilities for excellence in the education of our children in a free society, the Board presents and endorses this statement of policy on school and community relations because of its conviction that:

1. the public schools belong in every sense to the people who created them by consent, and support them by taxation;
2. the schools are only as strong as and no stronger than the intelligent and informed support of the people of the community; and
3. the support of the people must be based upon the knowledge of, their understanding about, and their participation in the aim and effort of the public schools.

The design and intent of the Board to carry out these principles shall be:

1. to keep the citizens of the community regularly and thoroughly informed through all the channels of communication on all the policies, programs, concerns, problems, and planning of the school system, and to carry out this policy through its own efforts and the Office of the Superintendent;
2. to invite the advice and counsel of the people of the community at all times and especially at all monthly meetings of the Board, except at executive sessions; and
3. to solicit the sound thinking of the people through various means to be established by the Board to consider those problems which vitally affect the future of our children.

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**Cherokee County Board of Education**